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SUBJ: NEW LISBON AIRPORT: STATUS REPORT

REF: A. LISBON 3478; B. LISBON A-180

COMMERCE FOR BIC/MEPD

1. IN RESPONSE TO RECENT INQUIRIES FROM U.S. FIRMS INVOLVED IN PREQUALIFICATION FOR NEW LISBON AIRPORT PROJECT, COMMERCIAL SECTION HAS DEVELOPED FOLLOWING INFORMATION: NEW LISBON AIRPORT PLANNING CABINET (GNAL) STILL HOPES TO MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR SHORT LIST OF BIDDERS BY END OF DECEMBER. GNAL HAS ELIMINATED SIX OF 18 PREQUALIFIERS ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS AND WILL RANK ORDER REMAINING TWELVE IN ITS RECOMMENDATION TO PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER. GNAL WILL SUGGEST THAT SHORT LIST CONSIST OF FOUR GROUPS, BUT FINAL LENGTH OF SHORT LIST WILL BE DETERMINED BY MINISTER.

2. GNAL SOURCES STATE THAT EVALUATION OF TECHNICAL ASPECTS (I.E. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CAPACITY) OF PREQUALIFIED GROUPS IS PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY; HOWEVER, EVALUATION OF FINANCIAL ELEMENTS IN EACH GROUP WHICH SUPPOSED TO BE HANDLED BY MINISTRY OF FINANCE OFFICIALS HAS BEEN SLOW TO REACH GNAL. IN FACT, GNAL FEARS THAT TARDINESS OF FINANCE MINISTRY INPUTS MAY CAUSE SLIPPAGE OF DECEMBER 31 DEADLINE.

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3. GNAL PLANS TO SOLICIT BIDS ON LIMITED TENDER BASIS FOR TECHNICAL CONSULTANT TO GOP ON AIRPORT PROJECT AS SOON AS SHORT LIST IS ANNOUNCED. BIDDERS FOR CONSULTANT ROLE WILL BE SELECTED FROM AMONG FIRMS APPEARING ON PREQUALIFICATION LIST BUT WHICH ARE NOT INCLUDED ON SHORT LIST. THIS PROCEDURE WILL ELIMINATE NEED FOR PREQUALIFICATION IN SELECTING CONSULTANT. GNAL STILL HOPES TO SEE CONSULTANT CONTRACT GO TO COMBINED PORTUGUESE-FOREIGN ENGINEERING GROUP.

4. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCES IN GNAL, SEVERAL MIXED PORTUGUESE-AMERICAN GROUPS ARE HOLDING UP WELL UNDER SCRUTINY OF EVALUATION OF PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS. THIS SOURCE STATED THAT IF GNAL HAD TO SELECT FOUR GROUPS TODAY, THREE WOULD BE PREDOMINANTLY U.S. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE VAGARIES OF PUBLIC WORKS DECISION-MAKING IN PORTUGAL, OUR POSITION RE THIS PROJECT CANNOT BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED UNTIL WE SEE SHORT LIST.  
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